#### **Department Annual Report**

Year 2020-21

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#### DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

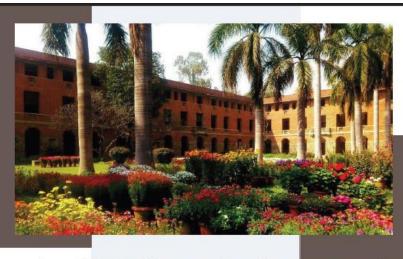


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#### **ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-21**



The academic session of 2020-21 was unique in many ways. It was a year of resilience but at the same time a year of reaching new heights. The academic year 2020-21 began on August 10, 2020. First of its kind in the history of education, it was a new venture for students and teachers alike to interact via online mode. But nothing could deter the spirits and enthusiasm of our academic fraternity to continue the everlasting process of learning and growing. Be it education or co-curricular, the department of Political Science met every challenge head on and continued unimpeded on its path of excellence. Some of the shining glimpses of its online journey over the last year have been enlisted here.

#### **ACADEMIC SESSIONS**



Sino- Indian relations: Challenges and Possibilities Ahead- 14 July 2022 Speaker Major General Sashi Asthana, Mr. Jayadeva Ranade and Dr. Rityusha Mani Tiwary



National Webinar- 22 October 2020, Topic - 'Identity of Diversities and Inclusivity of Right, speakers Prof. Ashok K Acharya and Prof. Asha Hans Dr. Bijayalaxmi Nanda (Acting Principal of Miranda House)



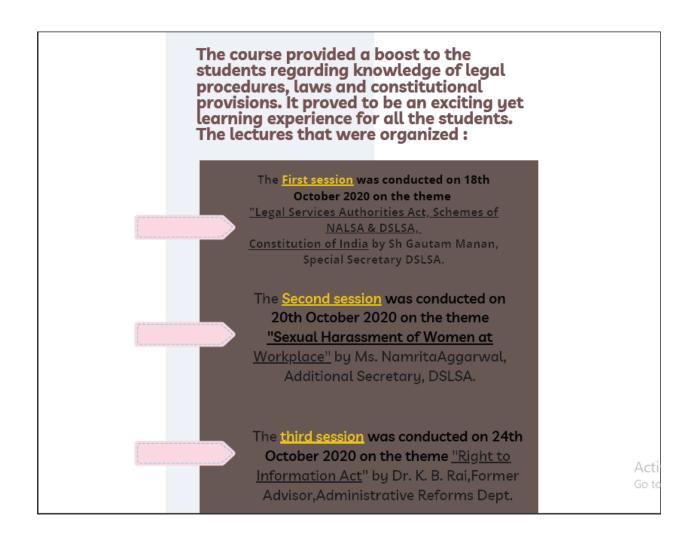
Add-on Legal literacy course (10 sessions) - 18<sup>th</sup> October - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020, organized by The Department of Political Science in collaboration with the Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA)



First session- 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 on the theme "Legal Services Authorities Act, Schemes of NALSA & DSLSA, Constitution of India by Sh Gautam Manan,

Second session- 20th October 2020 on the theme "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace" by Ms. Namrita Aggarwal

Third session- 24th October 2020 on the theme "Right to Information Act" by Dr. K. B. Rai

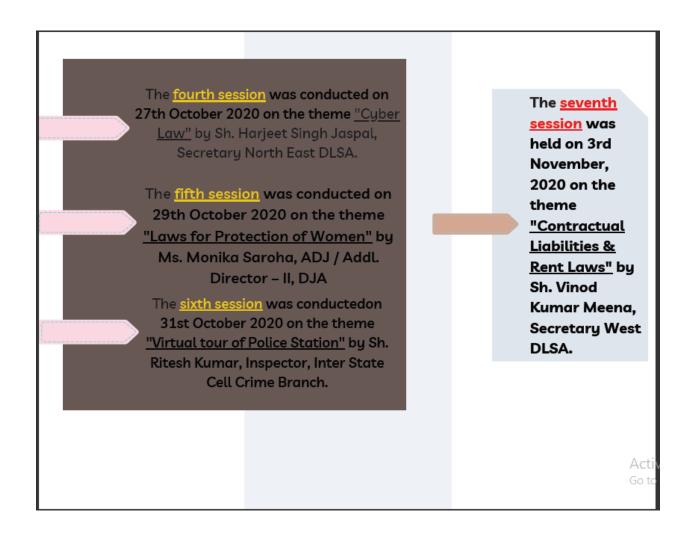


Fourth session- 27th October 2020 on the theme "Cyber Law" by Sh. Harjeet Singh Jaspal

Fifth session- 29th October 2020 on the theme "Laws for Protection of Women" by Ms. Monika Saroha

Sixth session- 31st October 2020 on the theme "Virtual tour of Police Station" by Sh. Ritesh Kumar

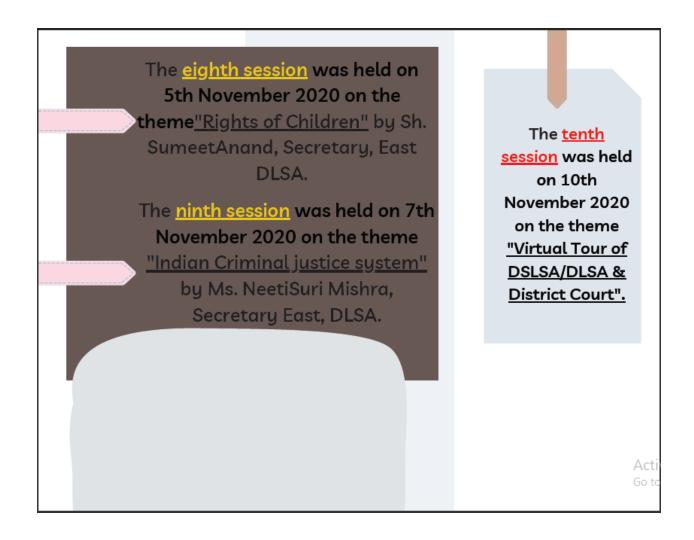
Seventh session- 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020 on the theme "Contractual Liabilities & Rent Laws" by Sh. Vinod Kumar Meena



Eighth session- 5th November 2020 on the theme "Rights of Children" by Sh. Sumeet Anand

Ninth session- 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020 on the theme "Indian Criminal justice system" by Ms. Neeti Suri Mishra,

Tenth session-  $10^{th}$  November 2020 on the theme "Virtual Tour of DSLSA/DLSA & District Court".



Civil Society Lecture Series (12 sessions) - First Session- 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 on the topic education and society: why better government schools are the answer in India by Mr. Dileep Ranjekar

# 2. Civil Society Lecture Series -12 sessions





Civil Society Lectures was a distinguished lecture series that engaged in discourse and discussion around issues of pertinent importance. The lecture series had been organized by

Civil Society magazine in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, Miranda House from 8th January 2021 to 23rd March 2021. It was an open and free certificate course, consisting of 12 sessions. The purpose of the lectures was to connect innovators, social sector leaders and change makers in industry to students and teachers, thereby enriching learning. Students attending these lectures were exposed to cutting edge ideas which would help them understand an evolving India. Following are the brief details of each session.



<u>First session</u> was conducted on 8th January, 2021on the topic <u>"Education and Society: Why better government schools are the answer in India"</u>. The eminent speaker who graced this event was MrDileepRanjekar, CEO, AzimPremji Foundation.

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Second session- 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 on the theme Companies and Social Responsibility: Values beyond the Bottom Line by speaker Mr. Siddharth Shriram

Third session  $-22^{nd}$  January 2021 on the theme People and Restoration: Urban Renewal in Nizamuddin by Ratish Nanda

Fourth session- 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 on the theme The Digital Divide: Why a phone is just enough? By Mr. Osama Manzar

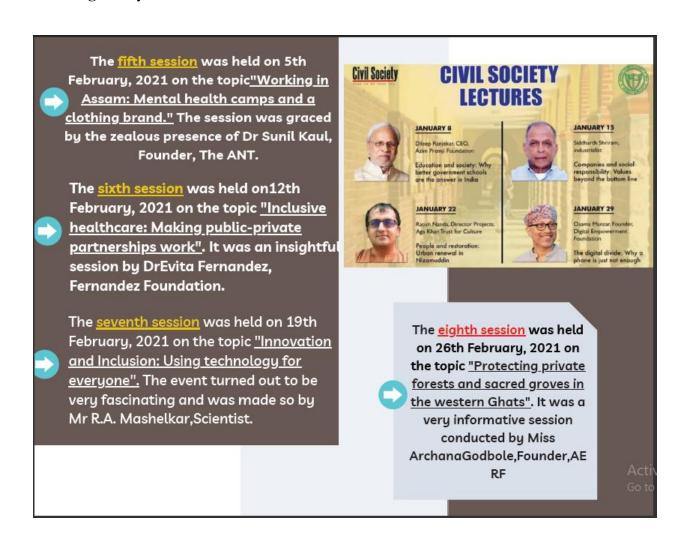


Fifth session- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 topic working in Assam: Mental health camps and a clothing brand by Dr. Sunil Kaul

Sixth session- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 topic Inclusive healthcare: Making public-private partnership work by Dr. Evita Fernandez

Seventh session- 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 topic Innovation and Inclusion: Using technology for everyone by Mr. R.A. Mashelkar

Eight session- 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 topic Protecting private forests and sacred groves in the western ghats by Miss Archana Godbole



Ninth session- 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2021on the topic "Bengaluru and a million wells: Catching the rain in cities" by Mr S.Vishwanath

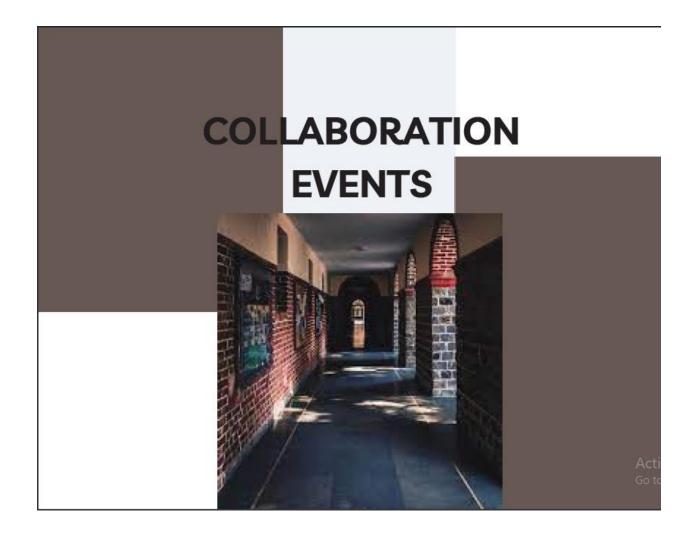
Tenth session- 12th March, 2021on the topic "The Chengalikodan banana: GI Rights for farmers" by Dr C.R. Elsy,

Eleventh session- 19th March, 2021 on the topic "Gurgaon's urban Forest: Partnership in Civic Governance" by Miss LatikaThukral,

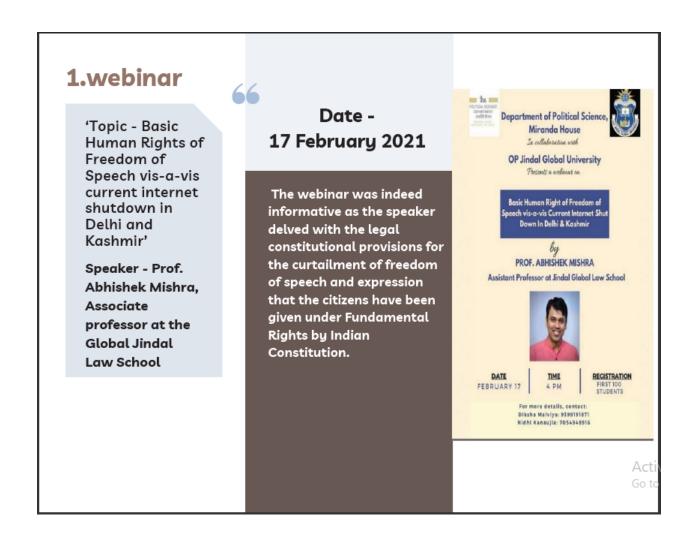
Twelfth session- 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021 on the topic "Understanding the Mountain States" by Mr P.D. Rai

The eleventh session was The ninth session was conducted on 5th held on 19th March, 2021 March, 2021 on the on the topic "Gurgaon's topic <u>"Bengaluru and</u> <u>a million wells:</u> urban Forest: Catching the rain in cities". It was a captivating session Partnership in Civic Governance." The session was graced by the conducted by presence of Miss MrS.Vishwanath,Civil LatikaThukral, Co-**Engineer and Water** Founder of I am Gurgaon. Activist. The tenth session was held on 12th March, 2021on the topic "The Last but not least, the twelfth Chengalikodan session was conducted on 23rd banana: GI Rights for March, 2021 on the topic farmers". The session "Understanding the Mountain States". It was a very informative turned out to be an and thought provoking session enriching experience conducted by MrP.D.Rai, former for the students via Member of Parliament from Sikkim. the insights from Dr He is a founding member and C.R. Elsy, Professor, president of Integrated Mountain Kerala Agriculture Initiative (IMI). University. Acti

### **COLLABORATION EVENTS**



Webinar- 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 on the topic Basic Human Rights of Freedom of Speech vis-à-vis current internet shutdown in Delhi and Kashmir' by speaker Prof. Abhishek Mishra

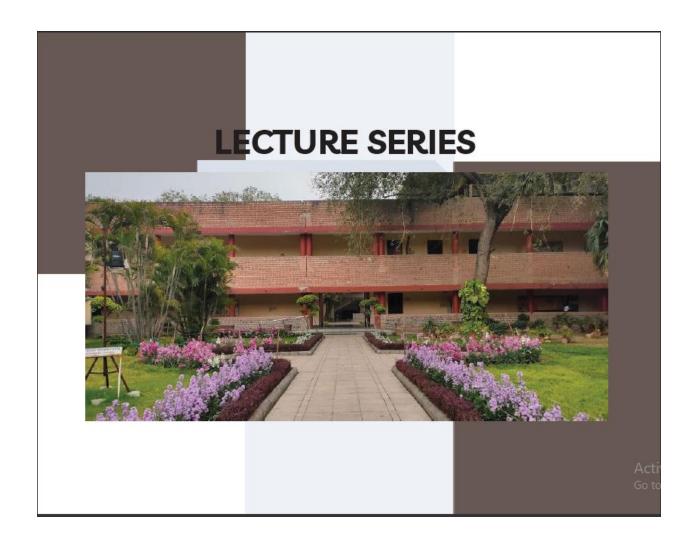


Policy Conclave 2021- organized on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by Department of Political Science Miranda House on the topic Policy Jenga- Deconstructing the Indian Public Policies

On 6th April with the vision to assess our policies in core sectors of the economy and espouse for future developments, the Department of Political Science, Miranda House, conducted a Policy Conclave 2021, 'Policy Jenga - Deconstructing the Indian Public Policies'. The conclave provided a platform for studying the policies generated in the sectors of education, healthcare, IT and employment. The Conclave consisted of Four Round Table Conferences (RTCs), each conference comprising 5 teams of two participants each.



### LECTURE SERIES



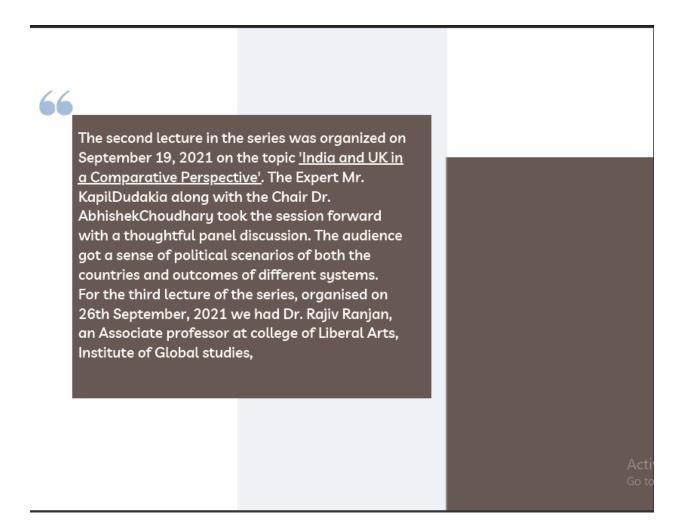
The Dialogues on Comparative Politics'- 12th September - 26th September Speaker - Colonel Rupinder Hayer, Mr. Kapil Dudakia and Dr. Rajiv Ranjan

First session- 12th September on the topic India and Canada in a comparative perspective by Colonel Rupinder Hayer

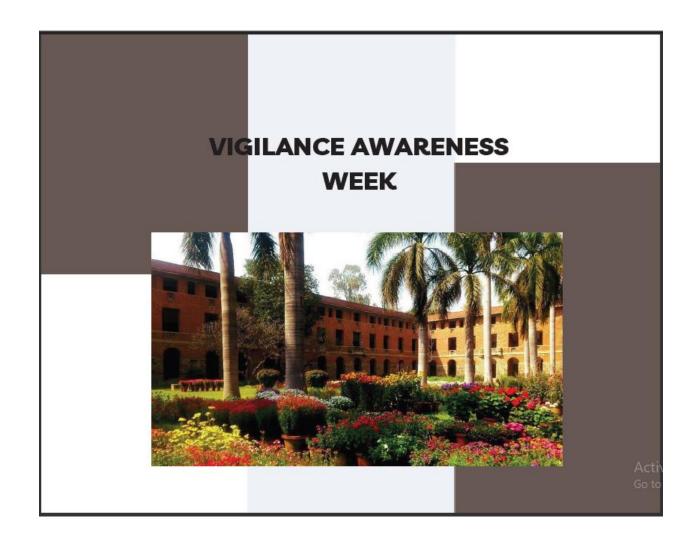


Second lecture- 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 on the topic India and UK in a comparative perspective by Dr. Abhishek Choudhary

Third lecture- 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 by Dr. Rajiv Ranjan



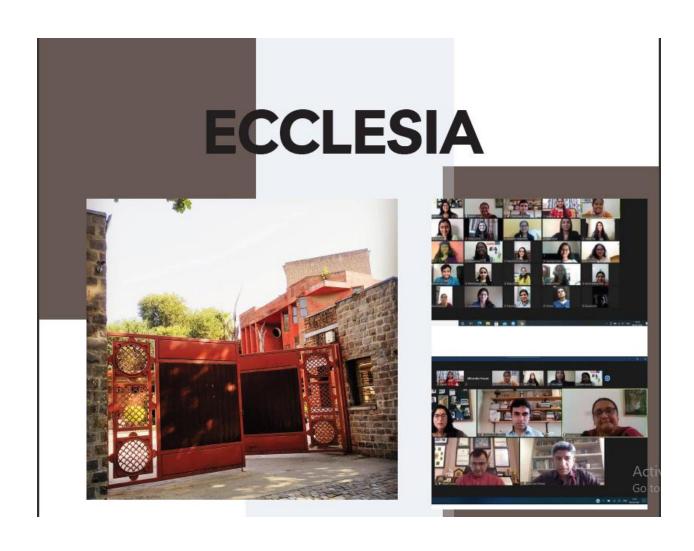
### VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK



Vigilance Awareness Week - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 organized by Department of Political Science Miranda house and TULA Consumer Club Miranda House on the theme Satark Bharat Samriddh Bharat (Vigilant India prosperous India) by Shakti Sinha



## **ECCLESIA**



Annual Fest- The Department of Political Science, Miranda house organized its annual fest on the theme 'PARIVARTAN Reforming India: A Public Policy Perspective' on 5th and 6th April

The Department of Political Science, Miranda house organized its annual fest on the theme 'PARIVARTAN ~Reforming India: A Public Policy Perspective'. It was a two day event held on 5th and 6th April. It included various events and competitions. The two day long fest also comprised one panel discussion on each day surrounding the selected

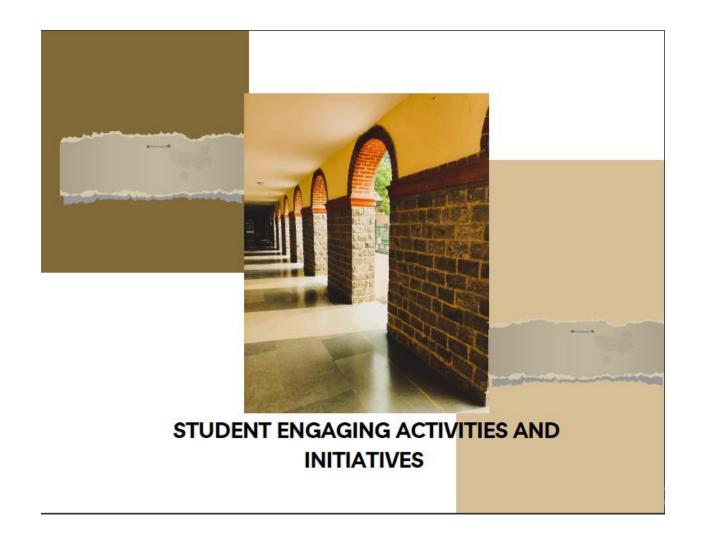
On 5th April, first day of the fest, several events were conducted. The first one was the Photography Competition on the theme "Capture The Change". The participants submitted incredible photographs that depicted heart touching changes that were brought about by public policies. The second event was Just-A-Minute Competition based on the very theme of the fest. The third event was the <u>Slam Poetry Competition- "Kavyanti</u>". The participants beautifully expressed their opinions, passions and feelings through the art of poetry. The fourth event to which everyone looked forward was the <u>Session on the topic</u>
'YOUTH IN PUBLIC POLICY- INNOVATION AND INCLUSION' by a former IAS Officer Mr Anil Swarup, Founder Chairman, Nexus of Good and former secretary, School Education, Government of India. It was a big success. The last event of the first day was a Panel Discussion on the topic 'India's Policy Landscape: Governance of Challenges and Opportunities'. The eminent personalities that graced the fest with their presence in the panel discussion were Dr. Aruna Sharma, MsYaminiAiyer and Ms. KaushikiSanyal.



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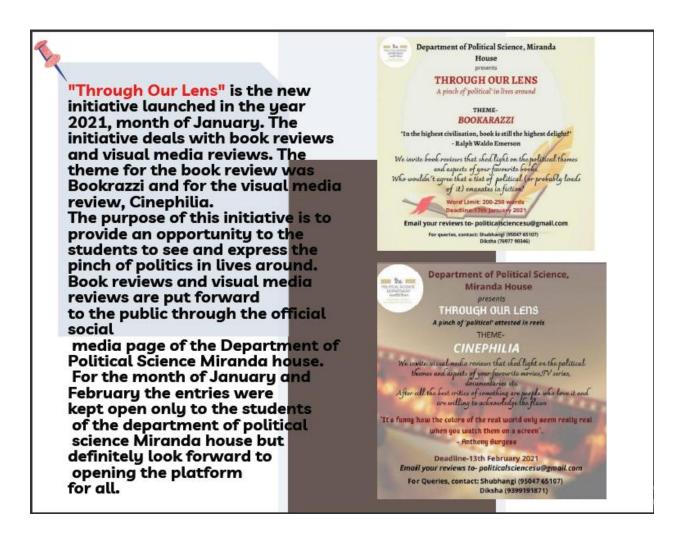
### STUDENT ENGAGING ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES



Online Farewell for the outgoing batch of 2020- 1 June 2020 organized by The Department of Political Science

Covid-19 couldn't stop us from expressing our Samvaad is a monthly initiative love for our beloved introduced by the students Union (2020seniors. 21), Department of Political Science. This is The Department of **Political Science** an open platform, giving opportunity to organised an online the students across multifarious farewell for the backgrounds and possessing a plethora of outgoing batch of 2020 on 1 June 2020. A varied Political opinions to express their 4 number of online ideas and words before a larger audience. games for engaging This initiative has been successful in the students such as DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE Bingo, tag your getting good responses and entries have MIRANDA HOUSE buddies, Riddles etc. shown up from across the intellectual PRESENTS were put up on the spectrum. Department's social SAMVAAD media handles. The Samvaad edition of each month Farewell was comes up with a new theme addressing \* Reason and Free Enquiry are the interspersed with fectual agents against error - Thomas Jefferson current social and political events. This soulful voices, mashups and dance initiative tries to provide every opinion a performances. platform. Teachers could not Entries are accepted in the form of write stay back from giving ups, videos and poetries. their blessings and expressing their love. Opinions of individuals are put forward to Ending with the the public through the official social media iunior's love for their page of the Department of Political seniors we had messages spread Science, Miranda house. across the online doodling board.

Initiative for book reviews and visual media reviews- 2021, Month of January "Through Our Lens"



Annual Fresher's for the batch of 2023 - 1st March 2021, The Department of Political Science

The Department of Political Science organized its annual freshers for the batch of 2023 on 1st March 2021. The session began with a welcome note from the Department President, Teacher In charge (Namrata Ma'am) and Principal ma'am (Dr. Bijaylaxmi Nanda). Our beloved teachers shared their pearls of wisdom which was followed by the ice-breaking session. Enthralling performances by our seniors followed. To entertain our juniors to their fullest we played numerous games like 'dumb charades' and 'never have i ever'. Ending the session we gave a glimpse of our campus through a presentation followed by a closing note. FINALLY PUTTING ONLINE PLATFORMS TO SOME USE;) Overall, the academic Inviting you all to a once in a lifetime Online year2020-21 has DO-NOUGHT EVER FORGET US been very eventful WE WILL MISS YOU! and proved to be a To our stupendo-fontabulous seniors with love and hugs and hapes that you soon get hold over all that lockdown made you crave endlessly! learning experience LOOKS, BRAINS AND NOW A DEGREE? for everyone involved. WATCH OUT WORLD, THESE GRADS HAVE IT ALL!